

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of claims is presented below. Please amend currently amended claims as indicated below including substituting clean versions for pending claims with the same number. In addition, clean text versions of pending claims not being currently amended that are under examination are also presented. It is understood that any claim presented in a clean version below has not been changed relative to the immediate prior version.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for personal profile detection comprising the steps of:

a) accepting personal profile data on a first ~~PID~~ portable computer system ~~{Portable Information Device}~~ wherein said personal profile data is associated with and customizable by a user of said ~~PID~~ portable computer system;

b) storing said personal profile data on said first ~~PID~~ portable computer system;

c) providing an exchange of information between said first ~~PID~~ portable computer system and a second ~~PID~~ portable computer system proximate with said first ~~PID~~ portable computer system when shared interests exist between said personal profile data stored on said first ~~PID~~ portable computer system and personal profile data stored on said second ~~PID~~ portable computer system that is associated with and customizable by a second user.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said step c) comprises providing for a user customizable exchange of information between said first PID portable computer system and said second PID portable computer system proximate with said first PID portable computer system when shared interests exist between said personal profile data stored on said first PID portable computer system and personal profile data stored on said second PID portable computer system.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said step c) further comprises the step of:

c1) determining by said first PID portable computer system shared interests existing between said personal profile data stored on said first PID portable computer system and personal profile data stored on said second portable computer system.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 3 wherein said step c1) comprises determining by said first PID portable computer system shared interests existing between said personal profile data stored on said first PID portable computer system and personal profile data stored on said second PID portable computer system wherein said determining is user customizable.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said step c) further comprises the steps of:

searching for and detecting by said first PID portable computer system profile data keyword information transmitted from said second PID portable computer system;

determining by said first PID portable computer system shared interests existing between said personal profile data stored on said first PID portable computer system and personal profile data stored on said second PID portable computer system;

requesting by said first PID portable computer system from said second PID portable computer system data relevant to said shared interests; and

receiving said relevant data from said second PID portable computer system by said first PID portable computer system.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said step c) further comprises the steps of:

transmitting by said first PID portable computer system user pre-determined keyword information from said stored personal profile data of said first PID portable computer system;

receiving requests by said second PID portable computer system for personal profile data relevant to said transmitted keyword information; and

transmitting said relevant personal profile data to said second ~~PID~~ portable computer system.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 further comprising the step of:

d) initiating an event on at least one of said first ~~PID~~ portable computer system and said second ~~PID~~ portable computer system when shared interests exist.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7 wherein said step d) further comprises the sounding of an alarm on said first ~~PID~~ portable computer system.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7 wherein said step d) further comprises displaying relevant data from said second ~~PID~~ portable computer system on a display of said first ~~PID~~ portable computer system.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said step c) of providing for an exchange of information comprises RF (Radio Frequency) communications which incorporate the Bluetooth protocol.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said first ~~PID~~ portable computer system and said second ~~PID~~ portable computer system comprise handheld ~~organizers~~ computer systems.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 further comprising the step of:

b1) enabling said first ~~PID~~ portable computer system and said second ~~PID~~ portable computer system with short-range RF communications ability.

13. (Currently Amended) A personal profile detection (PPD) device comprising:

- a) a data input component;
- b) means for accepting customizable personal profile data input by a first user from said data input component, said means for accepting customizable personal profile data coupled to said data input component, wherein said customizable personal profile data is associated with and customizable by said first user;
- c) a data storage component coupled to said means for accepting customizable personal profile data, said data storage component adapted to storing said customizable personal profile data; and
- d) [[a]] an RF communications receiver coupled to said means for exchanging customizable personal profile data of said first user and a second user when shared interests exists between said personal profile data associated with said first user and personal profile data [[associate]] associated with said second user, said RF communications receiver adapted to transmit and receive information from a

proximate ~~portable information device (PID)~~ portable computer system.

14. (Currently Amended) The PPD device of Claim 13 wherein said means for accepting customizable profile data further provides for:

determining the existence of shared interests corresponding to said customizable personal profile data and personal profile data received from said proximate ~~PID~~ portable computer system that is associated with and customizable by said second user.

15. (Currently Amended) The PPD device of Claim 13 further comprising:

e) ~~[[a]]~~ an RF communications transmitter coupled to said means for accepting customizable personal profile data, said transmitter adapted to transmit information from said PPD device to said proximate ~~PID~~ portable computer system when shared interests exist between said customizable personal profile data and profile data of said proximate ~~PID~~ portable computer system that is associated with and customizable by said second user.

16. (Original) The PPD device of Claim 13 wherein said data storage component is selected from the group consisting of volatile memory, non-volatile memory, solid-state memory, mass storage or other storage components.

17. (Currently Amended) The PPD device of Claim 13 further comprising:

e) a display component coupled to said means for accepting customizable personal profile data and adapted to display said information received from said proximate ~~PIB~~ portable computer system.

18. (Currently Amended) The PPD device of Claim 15 wherein said RF communications receiver and said means for accepting customizable profile data further adapted to:

search for and detect keyword information transmitted by said proximate ~~PIB~~ portable computer system, and

upon determination of said shared interests by said means for accepting customizable personal profile data, said transmitter and said means for accepting customizable personal profile data request from said proximate ~~PIB~~ portable computer system data relevant to said shared interests.

19. (Currently Amended) The PPD device of Claim 14 further comprising:

e) a speaker coupled to said means for accepting customizable personal profile data and adapted to sound an alarm when said means for accepting customizable personal profile data determines said existence of said shared interests corresponding to said customizable personal

profile data and said personal profile data received from said proximate ~~PID~~ portable computer system.

20. (Original) The PPD device of Claim 13 wherein said RF communications receiver is adapted to operate according to the Bluetooth protocol.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer-usable medium having computer-readable code embodied therein for causing a ~~PID (Portable Information Device)~~ portable computer system to perform the steps of:

a) accepting personal profile data on a first ~~PID~~ portable computer system wherein said personal profile data is customizable by a user of said first ~~PID~~ portable computer system;

b) storing said personal profile data on said first ~~PID~~ portable computer system;

c) providing for an exchange of information between said first ~~PID~~ portable computer system and a second ~~PID~~ portable computer system proximate with said first ~~PID~~ portable computer system when shared interests exist between said personal profile data stored on said first ~~PID~~ portable computer system and personal profile data stored on said second ~~PID~~ portable computer system that is associated with and customizable by a second user.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer-usable medium of Claim 21 further comprising the step of:

d) initiating an event on said first PID portable computer system when shared interests exist.

23. (Currently Amended) The computer-usable medium of Claim 21 wherein said step c) further comprises the steps of:

searching for and detecting by said first PID portable computer system profile data keyword information transmitted from a second PID portable computer system;

determining by said first PID portable computer system shared interests existing between said personal profile data stored on said first PID portable computer system and personal profile data stored on said second PID portable computer system;

requesting by said first PID portable computer system from said second PID portable computer system data relevant to said shared interests; and

receiving said relevant data from said second PID portable computer system by said first PID portable computer system.